

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claim 3 has been amended to provided proper antecedent basis for the “zippered joints”. Claim 16 has been canceled. Claim 15 has been rewritten to contain the limitations of claim 16. Claims 20 and 28 have been amended to include periods as the end of the claims.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification at page 5, paragraph 4 to indicate the second air duct “61”. The amendment has been made to overcome the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicants have amended the specification at page 4, paragraph 3 to insert the subject matter from original claim 8.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner states that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner states that the subject matter recited in claims 2-4, 8, 16, 26 and 27 must be shown or the features canceled from the claims.

Applicants submit new Figs. 6 and 7 which show the features of claims 2-4, 8, 16, 26 and 27. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that the new figures be entered.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8, 16, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the

specification does not provide support that the inner wicking layer extends through the air duct in intervals of about four feet.

Applicants have amended the specification at page 4, paragraph 3 to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, that the “inner wicking layer extends through the air duct in intervals of about four feet.” No new matter has been added and support for the amendment can be found in originally filed claims 8, 16, 26 and 27.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 20 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 15 does not end with a period. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 15 does end in a period. However, claims 20 and 28 do not end in a period. Applicants have amended claims 20 and 28 to contain periods at the end of the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 20 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15 and 17-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,441,083.

Applicants have amended claim 15 to contain the allowable subject matter of claim 16 (canceled herein). Claims 17-24 ultimately depend from newly amended claim 15. As such, these dependent claims are deemed to be allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the 102(b) rejection of claims 15 and 17-24 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-15 and 17-35 are in condition or allowance. The Examiner is invited to

telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account 50-0568.

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